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Subject of Request: Brophy, Frank C.

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 58 pages(s) were reviewed and 52 page(s) are being released.

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UNSUB, FRANK CULLEN BROPHY, VICTIM. EXTORTION. BROPHY,
WELL KNOWN BANKER CURRENTLY PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD, BANK OF DOUGLAS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RECEIVED AT TEN

THIS DATE A LETTER PRINTED IN PENCIL AT HIS BUSINESS OFFICE,
FORTY SIX WEST MONROE, CARE OF BANK OF DOUGLAS, POSTMARKED
PX ARIZONA THREE PM APRIL FOUR LAST, READING AS FOLLOWS,
QUOTE MR. BROPHY. IS YOUR LIFE AND YOUR FAMILY-S WORTH
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. IF SO HAVE THE MONEY READY TO
BRING TO ME. I HAVE TWO MEN WATCHING YOUR HOUSE, AND ONE
WATCHING YOUR OFFICE. ALL OF MY MEN AND I KNOW WHAT YOU
LOOK LIKE, BUT YOU DON-T KNOW WHAT WE LOOK LIKE SO IF YOU
KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU, YOU WILL PLAY ALONG WITH US. AND
DON-T GO TO THE POLICE FOR IT IS UNWISE. HAVE THE MONEY
READY. I WILL WRITE YOU AND TELL YOU WHERE TO BRING IT. REMEMBER,
DON-T CALL THE POLICE. SINCERELY, A FRIEND UNQUOTE.

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Mr. Rosen

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PROPHY AND SHOULD ANY ADDITIONAL LETTERS BE RECEIVED, IMMEDIATE
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Subject: Frank C. Brophy

File #: 94-47143



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/30/54

FROM : Phoenix

ATTENTION: TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

(1) Mr. BROPHY is President of the Bank of Douglas, 46 West Monroe Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

(2) [REDACTED]

(3) [REDACTED]

(4) Mr. BROPHY has resided in Arizona for a number of years [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and is considered one of the outstanding bankers in the area. He resides 7601 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

(5) Nothing derogatory is known about Mr. BROPHY.

(6) [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

Px FILE NO. 100-2461

REPORT MADE AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA	DATE WHEN MADE 8-31-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-10-43	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> b7C bjr
TITLE FRANK CULLEN BROPHY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subj., a prominent and wealthy financier of Phoenix, Ariz., while en-route to Mexico City, D. F., in March, 1943, had article "Bonds Will Not Win the War" removed from baggage by Censorship as possibly inflammatory. Article, apparently written by subj., dealt in critical manner with war bonds and inflation. Investigation indicates subj. bitter anti-New Dealer but acquaintances state not considered subversive and loyalty not questioned. Was officer in U. S. Army in last World War.

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DETAILS:

This case was initiated upon receipt of information on May 20, 1943, from Temporary Confidential Informant [redacted] to the effect that subject had shortly prior thereto attempted to export at the port at Douglas, Arizona a document or article entitled "Bonds Will Not Win the War". A copy of this article, obtained by Temporary Confidential Informant [redacted] from a confidential source, was furnished the Phoenix, office and is being quoted below, the copy being retained in the file of this case:

COPIES DESTROYED 7/23/57

"BONDS WILL NOT WIN THE WAR"

"The propaganda motif of the past month can be epitomized in the slogan "Invest in Victory, Invest in Bonds."

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE </div>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">100-2461-1</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> RECEIVED 30 SEP 6 1943 </div>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - G-2 Phoenix 1 - ONI San Diego 2 - Phoenix SEP 27 1943	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> RECORDED INDEXED </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> EX-4B </div>

"The sales for the first year of defense and war bonds are now stated to amount to \$5,389,349,000.00. In view of the efforts now being made by Washington it is possible that the sales of War Bonds for the next 12 months may be doubled, making a grand total of something over \$15,000,000,000.00 of Defense and War Bonds sold to the American public in the two year period.

"During the same time, the war expenditure will have run to well over \$100,000,000,000.00. The \$15,000,000,000.00 of bonds sold to the American people will be but a small fraction of the national debt as the second year of war bond sales draws to an end.

"During the year ahead, we can anticipate the forced purchase of War Bonds in many ways. The acquisition of such bonds will furnish the insignia for patriotism which every American will be asked to assume. Like the endless volume of words that emanates from the \$30,000,000.00 worth of Washington propaganda each year, the bonds of war will continue to flow on for a long time to come and a small portion of them will reach the unsuspecting hands of patriotic Americans. The propagandists from Washington now turning salesman will explain in seemly learned language the mastery of the attack on Inflation. The bond holder will gradually come to regard himself as a fourth line fighter in the war to speed the Four Freedoms everywhere. With his \$100.00 bond he will be assured that he is doing his part in driving back the devastating forces of inflation that threatens our heavily borrowing nation.

"But these bonds which go into the hands of the public will, in fact, have little if anything to do with a subject of inflation. The greatest value of their acquisition by the public will be their propaganda value in that they take the citizens' eye away from the discouraging results of governmental stupidities in the field of military action and focus them upon the domestic field where jeopardy of the citizens' peace and happiness can be more readily seen. The retarding of the inflation will depend not upon the insignificant volume of bonds held by investors, but upon the forthrightness of the politicians who are to administer the rationing program in the newly regimented America. If these men will be

stern and hard enough in their acts, the inflationary spiral will never even start irrespective of the diminished quantity of goods and the ever swelling volume of funds available for the use of the prospective users. The American economy which in 1929 suffered from too much production and not enough purchasing power will soon suffer from not enough consumable production and too much purchasing power. The latter is a problem far simpler than the one that could not be solved in 1929-1939 period. All that is needed is the forces of a Stalin to lay down the limitations of rationing and then enforce them with machine guns. It has been done time and again in Russia successfully. It remains to be seen if the Russian inspired regimenters of the New Deal will have the stomach to carry them through to their logical destination.

"The obvious danger that non-inflationary rationing will not be carried out lies in the direction of the same American public which is now being fooled with the idea of stopping the flood of inflation by stuffing the cracks in the dyke with their little handfuls of bonds. Will there be time for the regimenters to develop a hardness and a technique of enforcement adequate to meet the rebellion of the masses when they finally realize how they have been fooled. The American mob is 200 years more developed, economically speaking, than the Russian mob that was shot down when it grumbled at the repression of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"Unless the politicians can meet this situation in more than a compromising manner (which is the logical manner for politicians to adopt) a more or less disrupting inflationary situation will create one more difficulty in the heritage of problems that America will have to face in the interim before its final test of survival arrives.

A check of the indices of the Phoenix office reveals a record of FRANK CULLEN BROPHY, a prominent Phoenician, in Phoenix files 100-14B and 100-153-323. In the former file, "League to Save America First", it is revealed that Mr. BROPHY wrote to the Phoenix Field Division as follows, enclosing a copy of the magazine pamphlet entitled "The Truth About England", published by the "League To Save America First" and printed by the Mercury Printing Company, 755 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California:

"I enclose a pamphlet which I rather suspect is a bit of Nazi propaganda. It might be worthwhile for you to have your Hollywood, office check up on Box 307 Hollywood, or the Mer-

address

cury Printing Company at 755 North Western Avenue, and find out who this outfit is.

"I am something of an amateur student of propaganda, and this has a good many of the earmarks of being a dishonest document, published for the purpose of misleading people and perhaps slowing up enthusiasm of the defense program. It came to me in an envelope without any return address on it. A large part of the contents of this pamphlet are true, but any good propaganda must contain a good deal of truth to be effective.

"The thing that makes me suspicious about this is that it comes unsigned, and that no authorities are given for the statements. Without having studied it carefully, I would say there is a certain amount of falsehood in it. It would not be a great deal of trouble for your office, and I think it worthwhile that you look into the origin of this."

The above pamphlet was forwarded by the Phoenix office to the LOS ANGELES office for appropriate attention at the time of its receipt from Mr. BROPHY.

In the Phoenix File 100-153-323, Japanese Activities in Arizona, it is revealed that on May 18, 1943, [redacted] telephonically informed the Phoenix Field Division that one [redacted] FRANK BROPHY, prominent Phoenix [redacted] who resides on North Central about one mile south of the Canal, is still working and residing at the FRANK BROPHY home and it had been a matter of speculation by [redacted] as to why [redacted] had not been placed in a concentration camp. A check of the [redacted] of the Phoenix Office at that time did not reveal any record of [redacted]

AT DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

Temporary Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on March 28, 1943 subject appeared at the Local Censorship Station with several pieces of baggage containing among other things some typewritten and handwritten notes, pamphlets and printed articles and books bearing mainly upon the subject of finances and inflation; that subject stated he would be in Douglas several days subsequent to which he intended to immediately go by train to Mexico City via Nogales, Arizona for a trip of perhaps several months, and if it would be possible he should like his baggage and contents examined and passed and sealed by the proper authorities at the Station in order to save him the delay and inconvenience after he arrived in Nogales. At this time he informed Informant [redacted] that he was taking with him some race horses which he intended to run on the new Mexico City, D. F. tracks and left the impression that he intended to possibly do some writing while there. Informant [redacted] stated that it is well known subject has done some writing and has published one or more books, one of them concerning his father, W. H. BROPHY,

who was a well known financier of Arizona and who drowned near Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, about fifteen years ago. This Informant also disclosed that it is well known in Arizona that subject is quite wealthy and has taken an active interest in State and National politics over a number of years past, very frequently speaking out viciously on various political issues; that subject vigorously supported President Roosevelt and the Administration during President's first two terms but has just as vigorously and outspokenly opposed the Administration since the Third Term began.

Informant related that subject owns the controlling stock in the Bank, of Douglas, Douglas, Arizona, also owns a considerable amount of Arizona real estate, including a ranch west of Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, and the Brophy Building in Douglas.

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Concerning the above article "Bonds Will Not Win the War", Informant stated that the article was not printed matter but apparently had been composed by subject and typewritten. This view was supported by the fact that subject had made handwritten notes found in his baggage concerning the subject of inflation and some of the material seemed to indicate a fairly detailed research because the research material appeared to have been published as far back as 1885 on financial and inflationary questions. Informant was unable to furnish any information, however, as to the titles of this material but he did state that none of it appeared subversive and none of it was held up except the above article on war bonds. Subject apparently knew that the article on bonds was removed from the other papers because when the baggage was delivered to the Bank of Douglas, after the contents had been examined, this information was given to [redacted] in the absence of the subject, but it is presumed that [redacted] mentioned the removal to subject at a later date. No objection was raised to the removal, according to Informant [redacted]

Temporary Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that subject, while sometimes attacking the present Administration and its policies almost in a fanatical manner, had never been considered by those who knew him as subversive or as intentionally impeding the war effort; that like a number of other wealthy people, subject has the belief that inflation is not being successfully combated. He informed that subject has always aired his views without hesitation concerning political matters but they seemed to always have a patriotic motive and were concerning questions of the day and not apparently designed to interfere with the war effort as such.

Informant [redacted] related that while subject is known generally to have a cynical attitude in his conversation about war bonds and their sales, at the same time he arranged to have a special window set aside at the Bank of Douglas for the sale of the bonds and during the last war bond drive he arranged to have a full time employee at a special desk in the bank doing nothing but issuing bonds to the public who bought them. Informant also cited the information he had received from Douglas OPA officials to the effect that

when subject's real estate agent in Douglas, [REDACTED] was making arrangements to dispossess the OPA from its office in the Brophy Building recently for non-payment of rent, subject upon being called by long distance at Phoenix by the Douglas OPA stated the OPA could remain in the building although he did not believe in the organization and although the rent was not being paid.

Temporary Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he has been personally acquainted with subject over twenty years, during which he has never considered subject subversive. He cited, as did the above informants, that subject has aired strong political views but usually on such subjects as were being argued in the Congress and on questions generally of a public nature. He stated that subject is well educated, being a graduate of Yale and was an officer in the Artillery during World War I, serving for some time overseas on the battlefronts. He said he knew this because he was in France too and saw subject there. Subject's father, according to Informant [REDACTED] was manager of the entire Phelps Dodge Mercantile system and quite wealthy.

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Informant [REDACTED] related that subject lived in Bisbee until the 1920's when subject moved to Phoenix and went into the Phoenix National Bank with his father, W. H. BROPHY; that subject presently lives in Phoenix and has for a long period of years. According to Informant [REDACTED] subject has been known by his friends as gathering material for a book on inflation but so far as Informant knew, this book has never been completed or published.

The Loretto Academy of Douglas was endowed and built by W. H. BROPHY, according to Informant [REDACTED] this being a Catholic school which is still operating and entailing the expenditure of about \$100,000.00. The School was built as a memorial to subject's mother. Informant [REDACTED] disclosed that the BROPHY family are ardent Catholics.

Temporary Confidential Informant [REDACTED] stated that he has known subject many years and while in recent years subject has been known as a bitter anti-New Dealer and speaks out frequently on national issues and politics, there has never been any serious question as to subject's loyalty and patriotism. He felt entirely safe in stating that subject is not dangerous to the welfare of the country from an internal security standpoint, although he, Informant, disagreed with subject's vicious criticism of the Administration during war-time because such criticism might be bad for the moral of the home front.

None of the above Informants were able to state where subject was born although they advised that they are quite positive he is a native of Arizona and was born in this State, exact place not known.

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Informant [REDACTED] furnished the following description of subject from memory:

Name:	FRANK CULLEN BROPHY
Age:	58
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	160
Hair:	Gray
Build:	Medium slender
Occupation:	Banker and financier
Complexion:	Medium light

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62, 67D, 67C TEMPORARY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Nogales, Arizona.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Douglas, Arizona.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Douglas, Arizona.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Douglas, Arizona.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Douglas, Arizona.

In view of the prominence of the subject in this case, all of the above Informants requested that their names be kept confidential although information given by them might not be considered derogatory.

Pegler

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

TUCSON, Ariz., March 21.—My disclosure that Lewis W. Douglas, of Arizona, a member of the "internationalist" cult which deplores smearing, had smeared a prominent American naturalist and ardent anti-communist has caused repercussions.

I believe I will sustain my charge that Douglas spread a rumor which defiled the reputation of a citizen of spotless repute and that the victim is not given the chance which all this cult angrily demands for communists, pro-communists, Americans of diluted loyalty and "security risks." This victim is not permitted even to know who his original accuser is.

This condemnation of an innocent man was related to me and two other persons by Frank Brophy, who has been a friend of Douglas since they were children.

Brophy wrote me immediately that he was "astounded" and "chagrined."

"I hasten to set forth my recollection of this conversation and correct what I regard to be several errors in your reporting of it," he wrote. "First, Mr. Douglas never told me anything about this matter. I was told by another person that Mr. Douglas had said that he believed certain remarks about (the victim) to be true. Secondly, until I read your account, I never heard anything about a 'psychiatrist' being involved, so I could not have mentioned such a thing."

NORMAN Alderdice, a transplanted Eastern Republican residing in Tucson, agrees that Bro-

phy did not mention a psychiatrist as the original authority for this derogatory judgment of the victim.

Alderdice agrees that Brophy did not say Douglas repeated this smear to him. However, Alderdice does say Brophy said this attack was conveyed to him by an intermediary to whom Douglas expressed himself. So does Brophy.

"As I recall," Brophy's letter continued, "we were discussing many of the curious positions which people who were strongly influenced by the 'internationalist' point of view had taken in recent years. I believe I illustrated what I had in mind by saying that my friend, Lewis Douglas, a man of intelligence and integrity, was said to have repeated charges against—which I was sure were erroneous. The point of our discussion, as I recall it, was the completely irrational and emotional attitudes which 'internationalism' seemed to engender in people who were normally intelligent and discerning.

"I think this is a correct interpretation of the conversation you refer to. If, upon recollection, you agree, I urge that you retract what you have said about Mr. Douglas in the role of character-assassin. I assure you I do not agree with many of Mr. Douglas' political views—and never have—but I also assure you that I know Mr. Douglas to be an extremely kind man and one who would not intentionally harm another human being—even tho he might violently disagree with such a person..."

So this is the way of it now:

An anonymous accuser prepared written data which Douglas read. The accuser was not a psychiatrist but in Mr. Douglas' own words, "a person who had made, so it was said, a profound study of psychopathic cases of various kinds."

Douglas then conveyed to other persons, all members of his family, this smear by an irresponsible, amateur observer without professional scientific qualifications who never had met the victim. One of those persons, also anonymous, then relayed the smear to Brophy.

Mr. Tolson ☒
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Mr. Mohr ☒
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